

SCIE NEWSLETTER



SCIE:

Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE) is a centralised department of SIU created for International Students. This department takes care of international students' right from their admission till the time they graduate from Symbiosis University. It also acts as a common platform for International Students not only of SIU but from colleges and Universities across Pune. SCIE aspires to expand its horizons for academic enrichment with foreign higher educational institutions through collaborative arrangements. It works with universities that feature in the top 100 of Times Higher Education or QS World University ranking. Actively working with European partners for Study in India Programs & Erasmus + Projects facilitates students, faculty mobility and strategic partnerships.

SIU:

Symbiosis International University (SIU) was conceptualised by Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Mujumdar with an aim to promote international understanding through the medium of quality education. Its objective is to develop students, who not only have growth in their careers but are also counted as ambassadors for promoting the idea of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which means 'The world is one family'. It aims at providing a feeling of being 'home away from home' for International students in India.

Credits:

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INITIATIVES AND COLLABORATIONS:



A virtual meeting between Symbiosis Institute of Operations Management (SIOM) and Iana Vysotskaya, Department of International Education Program, Ural Federal University, Russia was conducted for possible collaborations



Deakin University delegation comprising Dr. Keshav Sood, Prof. Victoria Duckett, Prof. George Duke, Prof. Lubna Alam, Ms. Priyanka Singh, Mr. Basab Choudhry and Ms. Irfa Javed as part of the 7th Annual i- Week in India visited Symbiosis to strengthen partnership and engage with Symbiosis faculty, staff, and prospective students. The visiting faculty interacted with Director and faculty members at Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies (SCMS), Symbiosis School of International Studies (SSIS), Symbiosis School of Liberal Arts (SSLA), Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT) and Symbiosis Centre for Media and Communication (SCMC). Master classes were delivered to students at SCMS, SSLA, SIT and a workshop was conducted for SCMC students. Dr. Anupama Kotur and Ms Sonali Hardikar facilitated the visit.



Professor Clive Roberts , Executive Dean of Faculty of Science, Richard Lancaster, Deputy Head of TNE, and Ms Shilpi Prasad, Regional Director-South Asia visited SIU to explore articulation, mobility of academics, students and research opportunities with the Symbiosis School of Biological Sciences (SSBS), Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT) and Symbiosis Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability (SCCCS)



Ms. Sonali Hardikar, from the Collaborations team of SCIE, participated in the Admission Day event for SIU, Dubai by Leap Geebee at Vadodara, Gujarat



Training Sessions were conducted by the Collaborations team at Global Colliance, Vadodara and for SI UK for their offices at Vadodara and Ahmedabad in Gujarat and at Bandra and Andheri in Mumbai, Maharashtra



Dr. Anupama Kotur met Dr. Prashan Karunaratne and Mr Anuj Mehta from Macquarie University. Dr. Prashan Karunaratne delivered a masterclass on 'Employability Skills in the Age of Artificial Intelligence' to Symbiosis School of Banking and Finance (SSBF) students



SCIE hosted a batch of 19 students with 1 faculty person from Chiba University, Japan on Study India Program for a week



9 students with 2 Faculty members from Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore visited SIU for a one-day immersion program

CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES:



Prof Nidhi Piplani Kapur at the General Council induction ceremony at the European Association for International Education's Annual Conference and Exhibition in Toulouse, France.

Prof Nidhi Piplani Kapur presented on 'Intersecting Themes: Connections between IaH, EDI, sustainability and decolonisation' with Prof Claudia Bulnes, the Hague University of Applied Sciences, the Netherlands and Dr Lavern Samuels, President – International Education Association of South Africa





Prof Nidhi Iplani Kapur in a panel discussion on 'Spotlight on research on Internationalisation' with Ms Lucie Weisssova, Halmstad University, Sweden and Marloes Ambagts-van Rooijen, Simone Hackett and Eveke De Louw from the Hague University of Applied Sciences, the Netherlands



Prof Nidhi Iplani Kapur and Ms Samyukta Parameswaran co-authored an article on 'Indo-EU Strategic Partnership' that has been published in Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RELATIONS AND EVENTS:



The 21st SIU Convocation ceremony was held on 3rd September, 2024, Tuesday at SIU Lavale Hill top. The Hon'ble President of India was the Chief Guest for the ceremony. Shri. C. P Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, was the Guest of Honour with Shri. Chandrakant Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Higher and Technical Education of Maharashtra, gracing the event with his presence. 18 foreign students including the council, learnt and sang a beautiful rendition of the Indian National Anthem while foreign nationals from 30 countries took part in the ceremonial flag presentation



Ms. Prarthana Udaya, Nepal –
Undergraduate



Ms. Suruchi Gupta, Nepal –
Postgraduate

Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India, awarded gold medals to the winners of the Chancellor's Gold Medal Award for the Best Outgoing Foreign Student 2024 during the 21st SIU Convocation ceremony.

The winners:

UG – Ms. Prarthana Udaya – Nepal – Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies and Research (SICSR)
PG – Ms. Suruchi Gupta – Nepal – Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development (SCMHRD)



Mr. Peters Delight Chidera from Nigeria who is currently studying at Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM- Pune), was felicitated as the winner of Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Mujumdar's 'Outstanding Foreign Student of the Year' Award by Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India. The award includes a citation and a cash prize of 1 lakh Rupees



Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro- Chancellor, Symbiosis graciously invited foreign students to her home for Ganapati and Gauri darshan. The students enjoyed the prasad of 'Ukdiche modak', while learning about the cultural significance of the Ganapati festival and how it brings the society together



International students from Symbiosis performed at the prestigious Pune Festival's inauguration ceremony showcasing the theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" – The World is One Family. The diverse group of 28 students from 19 countries performed a dance sequence on a medley of songs garnering a loud applause from the audience

INTERNATIONAL PROMOTIONS:



The Promotions team participated in an education fair in Hyderabad on behalf of Symbiosis International University (SIU) – Dubai. The event was organized as a one-day fair aimed at promoting educational opportunities and providing university representatives a platform to engage with prospective students